

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND
CEQA SCOPING MEETING FOR
BACTERIA TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS**

**March 27, 2003 1:30 p.m.
Regional Board Office Hearing Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego California 92123-4340**

PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) will hold a combined public workshop and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address bacteria impaired waters in the San Diego Region.

Date: Thursday March 27, 2003

Time: 1:30 p.m

Location: Regional Board Office – Board Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Two or more Regional Board members may attend this meeting. However, no voting will occur.

Purpose of the Public Workshop: To provide information, answer questions and receive input from the public on the bacteria TMDLs. Public participation is an important part of the TMDL process and is encouraged.

Purpose of the CEQA Scoping Meeting: To receive comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the “functionally equivalent” documents prepared pursuant to CEQA Section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code.

BACKGROUND

The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) requires States to develop a list of waterbodies which do not, or are not expected to, meet water quality standards after implementing technology based controls. CWA Section 303(d) requires States to identify these impaired waters and develop TMDLs for such waters. The purpose of a TMDL is to restore the waterbody’s beneficial uses and attain water quality objectives.

Beneficial uses are designated in the Basin Plan for the Region’s waters, and include water contact (REC-1) and non-contact (REC-2) recreational activities. The Basin plan further designates water quality objectives that are designed to protect these beneficial uses. There are

approximately 30 waters in the San Diego Region, including beaches, creeks, and lagoons, that are currently on the 2002 CWA Section 303(d) list as impaired for bacteria. In order to meet water quality objectives and restore beneficial uses, the Regional Board is initiating development of TMDLs to address these impaired waters.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

For questions regarding this notice, please contact us by:

U.S. mail: Regional Water Quality Control Board, 9174 Sky Park Court Suite 100, San Diego, California 92123-4340.

Email: Bacteria_TMDLs@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov.

Telephone: Ms. Lesley Dobalian at (858) 637-7139 or Ms. Christina Arias at (858) 627-3931.

Website: www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9.

The documents can also be reviewed by appointment at the Regional Board office at the above address.

INFORMATION

Parking is available at the workshop location. A map with directions to the workshop may be obtained from the Regional Board’s website or by contacting Ms. Lori Costa at the phone number below.

The workshop room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least 5 working days prior to March 27, 2003. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

/s/

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: February 18, 2003

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